it has been decided to establish permanent Benches of the Guwahati High Court in the capitals of those States, which require them, by issue of Presidential Orders, after the requisite infrastructural facilities have been provided by the State Governments concerned.

Third aircraft carrier design

3078. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO. Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the **Indian Navy is in close touch with** the leading British Maritime concern **Swan Hunters for the design of the** third aircraft carrier;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Navy is planning to manufacture the aircraft carrier indigenously; and

(c) if so, whether it has got the competence and the technical know-how to undertake this job successfully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The indigenous construction of a Sea Control Ship is under consideration of the Government. **Concept** design studies for the purpose are proposed to be undertaken shortly with foreign collaboration. Negotiations for selecting the foreign collaborator are in process. The offer made by M/s Swan Hunter is also being negotiated. The feasibility of the indigenous construction of the Sea Control Ship will be viewed **after the completion** of the concept design studies.

Cost escalation of the projects

3079. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state what was the total cost overrun of 152 delayed Central Projects, each costing more than Rs. 20 crores and covered by the Quarterly Monitoring System as on March 15, 1988 **and also as on March 15, 1987?**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN **THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME** IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): 152 projects were delayed with respect to original schedule of commissioning as on 30th June 1987. The number of projects reported delayed as on 31st December, 1987 was 169. **The data on projects** for quarter ending March '88 has still not been received.

Cost over-run of the delayed projects as on 30th June, 1987 and 31st December 1987 was about Rs. 18,900 crores & Rs. 21,000 crores respectively with respect to original sanctioned cost.

In the quarterly monitoring system, the number of projects reporting incremental delays and the coverage of total number of projects in different sectors vary from quarter to quarter, due to additions|deletions.

Move to turn Bangladesh into an Islamic Republic

3080. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of President Ershad's recent move to make Bangladesh an Islamic Republic; if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(b) what are its implications for India and what would be its repercussions on minorities' right in Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have seen reports of an

announcement by President Ershad that a Bill to this end will be introduced in the Bangladesh Parliament. India's commitment to democracy and secularism is unwavering. While recognising that this is an internal matter of Bangladesh, Government hope that this shall not affect the position of the minorities in that country.

Violation of ban on advertisements by the liquor companies

3081. SHRIMATI ELA RAMESH BHATT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the violation of the ban on advertising by the liquor companies by advertising the same brand names in identical packages of mineral water; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take immediated action against all such defaulters, including the news papers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The required information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Appeal by Government against the orders of the Central Administrative Tribunals

3082. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Administrative Tribunals were set up primarily for speedy disposal of service cases of Government employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Department of Personnel had made it clear that the Tribunals would act as a substitute to High Courts, where employees' cases dragged on for the years on account of heavy backlog;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite the Department of Personnels directive, Government were going in appeal to the Supreme Court against the orders of the Tribunals in large number of cases; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. From the date of setting up of the Central Administrative Tribunal all Courts except the Supreme Court cease to have jurisdiction in respect of service cases of Central Government employees.

(c) and (d) As the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court has not been barred in service cases of Central Government employees to aggrieved parties have the choice to go in appeal to the Supreme Court against the judgements given by the CAT. The various Ministries/Departments generally prefer appeal in the Supreme Court based on the merits of the case and after considering the legal points.

Clearance of National AIDS Control Programme

3083. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the speedy spread of the AIDS virus in the country over the past one and half year the Planning Commission has not given clearance to the proposal of the Health Ministry to launch a National AIDS Control Programme costing Rs. 9 crores;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not been able to accommodate the requests from the States for the setting up of surveillance centres; and